

Offsite Programs:

Invite a ranger to visit your school!

A national Park Service ranger can give special presentations about Petrified Forest National Park in your classroom.

Traveling Trunks

Petrified Forest has educational trunks that cover a variety of park related topics available for teachers to borrow.

- **Rocks and Fossils:**
This trunk has lessons and supplies for hands on activities and specimens to help students learn about geologic processes and paleontology.
- **Ancient Cultures in Modern Times:** This trunk has hands on activities and supplies to help students learn about Ancestral Puebloan and Navajo cultures.
- **Critters Climate and Cover:**
Animal Skulls, field guides and binoculars along with interesting activities help students learn about modern animals and their habitats.

To make a reservation, request a fee waiver or Traveling Trunk call or email the Education Specialist.
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To learn more about Petrified Forest National Park visit our website at www.nps.gov/pefo

Professional Development

National Park Service's Teacher Ranger Teacher Program:

Teachers selected for the Teacher Ranger Teacher program spend the summer in national parks as uniformed park rangers. Then, during the school year, these Teacher Rangers bring the parks into the classroom through lessons that draw on their summer's experience.

To learn more about the Teacher Ranger Teacher program visit :www.nps.gov/wupa/forteachers/trt.htm



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Petrified Forest National Park



Petrified Forest National Park Education Programs



Explore, Inquire, Learn!

Paleontology, Archeology and more.

Make Petrified Forest National Park your Classroom!

Petrified Forest National Park's Education Programs are designed to meet Arizona science and social studies standards while providing an opportunity for students and educators to explore and learn about "their" national park in fun and exciting ways.

Areas of study include:

- Geology
- Paleontology
- Archeology
- American History

Onsite Education programs:

Simulated Fossil Excavation: (2nd-5th grade)

Students experience the thrill of discovery while learning to map, measure and identify fossilized remains of triassic animals and plants. Free! Group size is limited to 25. Allow a minimum of 1.5 hours for this program.

Simulated Archeology Excavation: (2nd-5th grade)

Students engage in archeological field techniques while learning to map, measure and identify artifacts of the Ancestral Puebloan culture. Free! Group size is limited to 25. Allow a minimum of 1.5 hours for this program.



Students participating in a simulated Fossil Excavation.



Geology Hike: (6th-12th grade)

Students hike with a ranger into the badlands of Petrified Forest National Park where they learn how to make observations, read the rocks around them, discover fossil evidence and discuss ideas about Arizona's geologic past. Free! Group size is limited to 25. Allow a minimum of 1 hour for this program.

Museum Detectives: (5th-8th grade)

This program takes place at the Rainbow Forest Museum. Students use fossil replicas to observe, and identify skeletal anatomy of triassic reptiles and dinosaurs. The activity is followed by students giving a short presentation of their findings to the group. Free! Group size is limited to 30. Allow a minimum of 1.5 hours for this program.

Self-Guided Hikes (4th-8th grade)

Activities for self-guided hikes at Blue Mesa and Puerco Pueblo are available on request or as a PDF on our website. www.nps.gov/pefo

Special topic programs can also be arranged by contacting the Education